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HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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1. CONGEN SPOKE WITH SAG MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
REPRESENTATIVE IN DAMMAM, MOHAMAD ALKHALIL, RE
REFTEL. SAUDI OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE DID ISSUE DECREE LAST DECEMBER PROHIBITING
TREES OR OTHER NURSERY STOCK, WITH SOIL ATTACHED TO ROOTS,
FROM ENTERING SAUDI KINGDOM EVEN THOUGH ACCOMPANIED
WITH CERTIFICATE THAT SOIL AND TREE ARE FREE OF DISEASE.
RECENTLY SOME SAUDI IMPORTERS ATTEMPTED TO IMPORT NURSERY TREES,
WITH SOIL ATTACHED FROM IRAQ. TREES WEREDENIED ENTRY
TO KINGDOM. WHEN SAME IMPORTERS APPROACHED MIN
OF AGRICULTURE IN RIYADH IN THIS REGARD, MINISTRY AGAIN

REFUSED TREES ENTRY TO KINGDOM AND ADVISED THEM TO EITHER
IMPORT TREES WITH ROOTS ENCASED IN PEAT MOSS OR BRING IN
CUTTINGS OF TREES.

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2. SAMI LABBAN, SUPT OF ARAMCO'S AGRICULTURE DIVISION
HAS SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO ASK SAG MIN
OF AGRICULTURE IN RIYADH TO MAKE SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN
CASE OF A.G. INTERNATIONAL OR ADVISE HOW U.S. COMPANY
SHOULD APPROACH MINISTRY TO GAIN EXCEPTION TO ITS
RULING. EXCEPTION COULD BE MADE ON BASIS THAT ITS

NURSERY STOCK IS AVAILABLE FROM BAHRAIN, QATAR, AND KUWAIT -- COUNTRIES THAT ARE FREE OF SOIL DISEASES (ASSUMING THAT STATEMENT IS CORRECT) AND THAT STOCK COMPANY WILL SUPPLY AND CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY DISEASE-FREE SOIL CERTIFICATE PREPARED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

3. RE SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN PARA 2, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SAG REGULATIONS ON IMPORTATION OF NURSERY STOCK COULD CHANGE AND, IF A.G. INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSES MATTER WITH MIN OF AGRICULTURE NOW, A MUTALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE FOUND TO RESOLVE THE U.S. COMPANY'S PROBLEM.
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